(c) Broad causes for such strikes are Wages and Allowances, Personnel, Retrenchment, Lay-off, Indiscipline, Violence, Leave and hours of work/Shift working, Bonus, Inter/Intra union rivalry, Gherao, Non-implementation of agreements, awards etc., Charter of demands, Work load, Surplus labour, Betterment of amenities, Suspension/change of manufacturing process, Stanting order/rules/ service condition/safety measures etc.

(d) Central Industrial Relations Machinery (CIRM) of Ministry of Labour and Employment continuously makes efforts to maintain harmonious industrial relations in the central sphere establishments.

Revised integrated housing scheme for beedi workers

1791. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many beedi workers have been benefited under the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme;

(b) whether there is any proposal to do away with the deposit of Rs. 5,000/- by the beedi workers or to sanction interest free loan to them for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) A total number of 29,672 houses for beedi workers were sanctioned since inception of the scheme in May, 2005.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal, at present, to do away with the deposit of Rs. 5000/- by the beedi workers or to sanction interest-free loan to them for the purpose. However, the contribution of Rs. 5,000/- by the worker need not be deposited along with the submission of application and can be deposited after the houses are accorded administrative approval but before the release of 1st instalment of Rs. 20,000/- towards subsidy. This amount of Rs. 5,000/- as workers' contributions would be released to them with the 2nd instalment of Rs. 20,000/-when the houses reach roof level.

Law for preventing engagement of children below 11 years as labourers

†1792. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to enact a law for preventing engagement of children labour below the age of 11 years as labourers;

(b) whether lakhs of children would be rendered jobless as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme to rehabilitate these children or provide means of alternative income before the enactment of any such law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. Government has prohibited the employment of children below the age of 14 years in 15 hazardous occupations and 57 processes under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

(b) to (d) Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work. These children are put into special schools being run under the scheme, where they are provided with accelerated bridging education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care facilities etc. Government is also taking steps towards economic rehabilitation of the parents of these children so as to supplement their income levels.

Housing scheme for beedi workers

1793. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of beneficiaries under Integrated Housing Scheme, 2005 (Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Housing Scheme);

(b) the amount of subsidy being paid to them by Government;

(c) the number yet to be covered; and

(d) the steps taken to cover the gap and what is its time-bound framework?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) A uniform central subsidy of Rs. 40,000/- per tenement is paid to a beedi worker under the scheme.

(c) and (d) Central subsidy for construction of houses is sanctioned on the basis of proposals, complete in all respect, received from the individual workers or Co-operative Societies of Beedi Workers or from the State Government concerned under the Economically Weaker Section component of the scheme and subsidy is released subject to availability of funds. Sufficient funds under the scheme are available to meet the requirement.

Statement

State-wise details of houses sanctioned for construction of houses by the Beedi Workers under Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS) 2005 *during* 2005-06 *and* 2006-07

No.		Sanctioned in 2005-06	Sanctioned in 2006-07
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9595	11485